

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A vehicle wheel bearing comprising:

- a) a vehicle-wheel-bearing non-rotatable section;
- b) a vehicle-wheel-bearing rotatable section rotatably attached to the non-rotatable section, wherein the rotatable section has a hole, and wherein the hole has internal threads; and
- c) a wheel stud including first and second portions, wherein the first portion has first external threads rigidly threadably attached to the internal threads of the hole of the rotatable section without the use of a wheel nut, and wherein the second portion has wheel-nut-engaging second external threads, and wherein the first external threads are oppositely threaded with respect to the second external threads.

Claim 2 (original): The vehicle wheel bearing of claim 1, wherein the rotatable section is a wheel-bearing spindle, and wherein the non-rotatable section is a wheel-bearing hub.

Claim 3 (original): The vehicle wheel bearing of claim 1, wherein the rotatable section includes a flange, wherein the flange has the hole, wherein the hole is a through hole, wherein the flange has inboard and outboard sides, wherein the first portion of the wheel stud has a bolt head which is disposed inboard of the inboard side of the flange, and wherein the second external threads of the second portion of the wheel stud are disposed outboard of the outboard side of the flange.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): The vehicle wheel bearing of claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein the first external threads are left-hand external threads, and wherein the second external threads are right-hand external threads.

Claim 6 (original): The vehicle wheel bearing of claim 5, wherein the rotatable section is a wheel-bearing spindle, and wherein the non-rotatable section is a wheel-bearing hub.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A vehicle wheel bearing comprising:

- a) a vehicle-wheel-bearing non-rotatable hub;
- b) a vehicle-wheel-bearing rotatable spindle rotatably attached to the non-rotatable section, wherein the spindle includes a flange having a through hole and having inboard and outboard sides, and wherein the through hole has internal threads; and
- c) a wheel stud including first and second portions, wherein the first portion has first external threads rigidly threadably attached to the internal threads of the through hole of the flange of the spindle without the use of a wheel nut, wherein the second portion has wheel-nut-engaging second external threads, wherein the first portion of the wheel stud has a bolt head which is disposed inboard of the inboard side of the flange, wherein the second external threads of the second portion of the wheel stud are disposed outboard of the outboard side of the flange, wherein the first external threads are left-hand external threads, and wherein the second external threads are right-hand external threads.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A vehicle wheel bearing comprising:

- a) a vehicle-wheel-bearing rotatable section having a hole, wherein the hole has internal threads; and
- b) a wheel stud including first and second portions, wherein the first portion has first external threads rigidly threadably attached to the internal threads of the hole of the rotatable section without the use of a wheel nut, ~~and~~ wherein the second portion has wheel-nut-engaging second external threads, and wherein the first external threads are oppositely threaded with respect to the second external threads.

Claim 9 (original): The vehicle wheel bearing of claim 8, wherein the rotatable section is a wheel-bearing spindle.

Claim 10 (original): The vehicle wheel bearing of claim 8, wherein the rotatable section includes a flange, wherein the flange has the hole, wherein the hole is a through hole, wherein the flange has inboard and outboard sides, wherein the first portion of the wheel stud has a bolt head which is disposed inboard of the inboard side of the flange, and wherein the second external threads of

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the second portion of the wheel stud are disposed outboard of the outboard side of the flange.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): The vehicle wheel bearing of claim ~~11~~ 8, wherein the first external threads are left-hand external threads, and wherein the second external threads are right-hand external threads.

Claim 13 (original): The vehicle wheel bearing of claim 12, wherein the rotatable section is a wheel-bearing spindle.

Claims 14-20 (canceled)